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52. T.S. Monday.

I wrote to you last night at Cannes, so you won't get it. But there was not much of importance. Clive is still having X-rayed & no result has been reached. Fortunately the second night after his return Joan was rather badly cut about the face in a motor accident & will be more or less in bed for 3 weeks at her flat. So I'm sure your Company will come in very useful. Of course, Everyone is swarming round him at the moment, but I daresay he has a good many dull times. He is now coming round here to dinner with Fanny Marshall, so I'll see if time for no more & all my news, such as it was, went to Cannes.

I took you to the way to give Joan the shawls, whose existence I'd forgotten, & she want them. But we can talk. I can't.

make any sense of Orestis claims. I remember
perfectly your letter, & the two rhapsats lots of
work. I just said the whole wd-come to £30
which was about what he did. I think he's
simply wrong, on the chance she doesn't
keep cheques; & he sends no reads. But
this-two with Keep.

Low. how nice it will be to see
you again: I'll arrange with Clive about
Thursday evening- I've told Grace.
I head from Quentin today on board ship in
high thirds. No news of Julian or
Angelica.

VW.

NYPL

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Monks Horton.
Xmas Day.

Dearest Dolphin

I rang you up on Monday, but you were out. I was only to say that we sent you a black coat; & that if you hate it, & it doesn't fit, you can change it & thought it might come in useful in the Evening; anyhow keep you warm in the Country.

I have had to write to her about a rather annoying. I got a bad throat & made it worse I suppose coming down & so had a temperature & spent yesterday in bed. Nowone else only a little over 99 today so I expect I shall be up & about to-morrow. I have just had my lunch off a fish (but we shall have turkey to-morrow) & is lunching with the Keyles, to taste Mrs. Harland, Lydia says, for the last time. I gather that there is a good deal

of business about the future of the station to be discussed—
of course in strict confidence—a of anybody cared
what happened to that dead dog of that it should be
buried. I had a queer adventure by the way, the day I
got from Court at Marshall & Snelgrove's. I was given
£6 to buy Xmas presents; I put my bag under my
underskirt, & turned, for one moment, to try on some
coat. When I thought I ought not to have my bag, so
turned to get it – & behold – in that second a thief
had snatched it! There was then a great hue &
cry, & a detective appeared, & they said a woman in
brown fur had been seen; but of course they could not
catch her: so there I was. Ten pounds, without keys,
spectacles, cigarette case or handkerchief. Marshall's
offered to lend me a penny as they said I was not on
their books: but the detective gave me 10/- of his own.
Later that night the bag was found. Thrown in a
door; & marvellously, though the £6 were gone,
the thief had left my spectacles, keys, & one old
Earring – I had just bought two for a present – so I
didn't do as badly as I might.

I was sad to part with Rivett, who is really
very nice, & might be very good with training.
She asked me to get her another job &. I

and among my friends; as the Empire so much being with people like us. I rather dread Nelly — but then I have said before. It is very fine & spring like here, but I haven't yet had my nose out of doors. I am in bed in my top room with a fine log fire, & new book-cover — all very snug. Duncan's table is arriving on Saturday, & with the only spot in time of the accumulation of parcels & papers is terrific. Two telegrams have already come from Addy — but as I shan't be able to go tomorrow, we have got over lunch till next week. Perhaps Gen will come with us. Proper dried weather, — Lord! how bitter he is! Now I laugh at my friends, but not with a black tongue. First he abused Vita: then Ethel Smyth: then Maynard, then of course complained (then presently in the regular three act — but not as good with tolerant grumps: bitterly, savagely, with morosity- We think his mésalliance is souring him — Helen to wit. Have you noticed it? I found myself in the unusual position of standing up for

Edith Stowell. Maynard. Vita. Ethel & so on — a
how do yr, psychologically speaking, account for
his morbid desire to be thought poor?
He lent me I could quite well afford to lose £6 —
which is true: but that he was so bankrupt that
he spend £30 on a new gramophone was entirely —
& his mother dear had been a complete fiasco.
She is ah my own very dodderly —
dear I fear: but perhaps Christmas at
Sheerness will even dodderer. When are
you coming?

I want to discuss with you the
prosperity guy now making a small
annual allowance to Angelica.
I think the agent to have a little money
to throw away on clothes &c. What
you think I might? We were always
too poor. Please consider this.
D. Lehmann is coming to see us.
Do ask Julian what he thinks of
from a practical point of view.

B

NYPL

HAMILTON 2/10/68

I'm so furious - I had meant to finish your intolerable
letter here, & of course haven't been able to write a line -
all your fault.

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Monks Horton
Monday

Dearest Dolphin

The necklace is exquisite - like the inside
of white grapes - & as my consumption of
necklaces is huge, will come in most useful
as well as ornamental. Lennard is so
enamoured of his cards that he is making
it into a tobacco tin for London. Also,
I am finding Angelica's blotter of immediate
use - for are they, I never have any
blotting paper, & am I am wanting in bed
this evening to have a hard block. In
fact all the presents were entirely on
the right lines much in contrast to the
hideosities my poor old mother in law sent -
for instance a vast sham bran fish slice.

I am hoping to get up today &
receive the Keynes's. I have gone on

having a slight temp. not over 100, but over 99,
so I suppose it has been the same influenza I
had last year. But I'm almost normal
today. am going now to dress.
Nothing much therefore has happened — in
fact nothing. The keyser is so back
tomorrow. so you will miss them. There is
a lot of Italian Soup & Harland Jowitt —
Negri leaving to settle themselves with a
rich prostitute in Mayfair. I shall
hear about again this afternoon.
Duncan Tabb has come & is so lovely in the
drawing room I can't have stop here, &
then shall have to buy another. Jean
writes about the furniture, which should come by
sea, she says & won't take the sheets without
paying. It pours & pours. I must
say the necklace is lovely — so much that I
have it on the table to look at. I shall wear it
this afternoon
Any visits wd be much appreciated; I
expect we shall come up here on New Years day, but
shall be here in Holstein's ~~after~~ till 6th.
so hope to see you soon V.

NYPL
HAMILL 2/10/68

Dearest,

Could you have the angelic goodness to bring up a thing black waterproof, which I must have left somewhere — not, I think, in my bedroom, or I should have seen it. God knows where I took it off. But the floods are so great here, I badly want it.

I am leading a strict hygienic life - not out once, only decorous visit — as from Tom

for Gamble, whose pomp was such, &
mutendoes about Kitten's vanity, that
we both guffawed behind our hands.
Then Tommie - a much more
lively visit yesterday: in debait
over Reynolds' family. I hear you 'll
draw in — what weakness you do
Now to be sure! NYPL Roger rang up
to say his affairs were in a crucial
state & morning rabidly, which he
wanted us to come & discuss, but we
couldn't. What is up now, I wonder?
NYPL
When shall you be back?
And do you love me?
And I, million thanks for our
happy Injunnois Carlsbad
Christmas. I've never
enjoyed myself so much.
Remember the Macintosh

W

HAMILL 2/10/68

Would you let me know when I can get you a
few cans new chair stuff? 145

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52 Tavistock Sq^re.

Dear Dolphi;

Many thanks for the cheque - father's book do
remarkably well, I think, considering it will be
his Centenary next year.

Life has been full of telephones - Eddy the
first moment we arrived: then Pernel &
Peter in person, simultaneously, so that I
couldn't jump with Pernel, nor hear from Peter
the secret of his love, which obviously pressed, as
the Greeks say, like a great ox on his tongue.
I shall be glad to get off on Thursday, though if
we shall ever more beyond Dieppe seems
doubtful. Both yesterday & today we tried to
get to Kew, & yesterday broke down in Jubb
Street & had to be towed home, & today in
Paddington. It's said to be a piece of dirt in the
auto-vac: & they hauled out a thing like a
Carpet bowl, but apparently there is more to come.
Pinka, hair et looks like.

I am enclosing a cheque for £20,

as a contribution to Angelica's Cornish tour,
which will be more costly than you think:
also I find I am absurdly rich though American
articles. & the Press accounts &. say are very
unsatisfactory. But glad I hope to hear from;
when we pay John & Cam Rose all to him:
If I get through my corrections & that
awful dark had took the leaves, & mother, & I think I
may take a little flight in June: but I
suppose you'll be no longer in Rome then — the
heart of my desire; & of &. wont come, I dont suppose I shall.

MYPL

We shall be back on the 2nd — Saturday.
So if you are in London let us dine together.
If you'll let me have your address I will
write. hope to
We shall dine at Monks
Norne on Thursday, but I dont suppose
you will want to come over and as they,
I suspect we shall stop permanently outside
Newhaven.

V.

But do if you can. 4 o'clock.

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